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Re: Region 29 - 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee

Dear Mr. Zamora:

This letter responds to your letter of October 7, 2004, in which you expressed an interest in establishing the Region 29 - New Mexico 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee (RPC).¹ For the reasons set forth below, we grant your request to be appointed convener for the Region 29 700 MHz RPC.

Ordinarily, the current chair of the relevant 800 MHz RPC appoints the convener of that region's 700 MHz RPC.² In this case, however, you indicate that the former 800 MHz regional planning committee chair has retired and has not yet been replaced. In light of this vacancy, you request to be appointed to act as the convener to plan and conduct the initial Region 29 700 MHz RPC meeting for the express purpose of establishing the committee and election of officers. We agree that it would serve the public interest to appoint a convener so that the Region 29 700 MHz planning process can begin without further delay.

We are encouraged to hear that you have already undertaken steps to contact prospective participants from the public safety agencies throughout the State. Once you have determined a date for the initial meeting, please contact Joy Alford of the Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau by e-mail at Joy.Alford@fcc.gov to request publication, by the Commission, of a public notice of the Region 29 meeting. You should provide the time, location, and proposed agenda of the meeting to Ms. Alford sufficiently in advance to permit release of the public notice at least sixty days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

If you have any questions concerning the planning process, including the Commission's requirements for the development and submission of 700 MHz plans, please consult the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's Public Safety web site at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/publicsafety/700MHz/regional.html>. In addition, you may contact Ms.

¹ See Letter dated Oct. 7, 2004 from Julian Zamora, City of Albuquerque, to Michael J. Wilhelm, Chief, Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division, Wireless Telecommunications Commission.

² The Development of Operational, Technical and Spectrum Requirements for Meeting Federal, State and Local Public Safety Agency Communication Requirements Through the Year 2010, First Report and Order and Third Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WT Docket No. 96-86, 14 FCC Rcd 152, 195 ¶ 86 (1998).

Alford at (202) 418-0694 or Ms. Jeannie Benfaida of the Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division staff at (202) 418-2313 or Jeannie.Benfaida@fcc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Wilhelm", with a stylized, flowing script.

Michael J. Wilhelm
Chief, Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division
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